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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

**Proclaim September 23, 2014 as National Voter Registration Day in Los Angeles County**

Voting is a simple yet powerful act and all eligible individuals should exercise their right to vote and become a contributing member of their communities. Issues such as health care, transportation, and taxation are often placed before the voters, and representatives and judicial officials at the local, state, and national level are selected through the election process. However, in 2008, six million Americans did not vote because they missed a registration deadline or did not know how to register to vote. In Los Angeles County (County), there are nearly 3 million eligible, voting-age citizens who have not registered to vote. The right to vote and cast a ballot is fundamental to a healthy civic life.

National Voter Registration Day was first recognized in 2012 and was a national success. The County was awarded the Stars and Stripes Award for Outstanding Partnerships by the National Association of Elected Officials for its work in coordinating National Voter Registration Day events, which seek to encourage eligible citizens

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through nonpartisan community activities to register to vote, exercise their democratic franchise, and participate in the decisions to elect their representation and shape the policies of their government. The Board of Supervisors encourages all eligible citizens to register to vote and take part in activities designed to promote greater participation in the upcoming November General Election.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Proclaim September 23, 2014 as National Voter Registration Day in Los Angeles County and encourage all eligible citizens to register to vote in the upcoming November General Election;
2. Direct the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to report back before the Board of Supervisors on September 30, 2014, on his voter outreach and education plan that encourages greater voter participation in the 2014 General Election, including specific activities geared toward increasing enrollment of Permanent Vote By Mail voters and to provide funding options for financing the execution of such plan for consideration by the Board of Supervisors on September 30, 2014; and
3. Direct the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to report back before the Board of Supervisors in 60 days on Los Angeles County's compliance with Section 7 of the Voter Registration Act of 1993, which requires states to offer voter registration opportunities at all offices that provide public

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assistance and all offices that provide state-funded programs primarily engaged in provided services with disabilities. Each applicant for any of these services, renewal of services, or address changes, unless the applicant has declined to register to vote, must be provided with a voter registration form as well as assistance in completing the form and forwarding the completed application to the appropriate state or local election official.

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